

RESOLUTION NO. 202-12

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "BULLYING
PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2012, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, bullying is the most common form of violence in schools and can be verbal, physical, or via the internet. It can severely affect the victim's self-image, social interactions, and school performance often leading to insecurity, lack of self-esteem, and depression in adulthood; and,

WHEREAS, school dropout rates and absences among victims of bullying are much higher than among other students; and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children who have been identified as a bully by age eight are six times more likely to have a criminal conviction by age 24. Children who are bullies may continue to be bullies as adults, and are more prone to becoming child and spouse abusers; and,

WHEREAS, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is funded by the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through a congressional initiative and this Network supports Bullying Prevention Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, in support of Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is providing resources for families, teens, educators, clinicians, mental health professionals, and law enforcement personnel on how to recognize, deal with, and prevent bullying. More information can be found at www.nctsn.org;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports "Bullying Prevention Awareness Month" designated for the month of October, 2012.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the Dr. Jeffrey Graham, Superintendent, Parma City School District and the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance taking place this month, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO